(d) if so, the details of precautionary steps taken by Government till the date of serial bomb blasts; and

(e) whether any Government official has been held responsible for that or punished for dereliction of duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Government of Assam has informed that terrorist organizations active in the State adopted a new modus operandi and indulged in serial blasts on 30th October, 2008.

(b) A Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been formed by the State Government to exclusively investigate the serial bomb blast cases. The SIT has got important leads in the investigation and so far 25 persons have been arrested in this regard.

(c) State Government has reported that a total of 8 (eight) explosions have taken place in Ganeshguri area of Guwahati city from 2001 till 5.12.2008.

(d) A number of effective preventive measure have been taken by the State Government of prevent recurrence of bomb explosions. These *inter-alia* includes setting up of fixed police pickets, intensified patrolling, mobile search parties at various vulnerable points as well as involving public participation to fight the menace of bomb blasts. This apart, the counter insurgency operations are continuing vigorously throughtout the State. The Central Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Government through various measures such as deployment of Central Security Forces to aid the State authorities in Counter Insurgency operations and providing security for vulnerable institutions and installations based on threat assessments, vigilance and surveillance on the border, including the construction of border fencing, roads and flood lighting; sharing of intelligence, financial assistance for strengthening of the local Police Forces and intelligence agencies under the police modernizations schemes, provision of assistance for various aspect of Counter insurgency (CI) operations by way of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure, assistance to the State for raising additional Forces in the form of India Reserve Battalions etc.

(e) Government of Assam has intimated that no State Government official has been held responsible or punished for dereliction of duty.

Posts lying vacant in Navyug Schools, NDMC

1012. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of post of teacher of Business Studies and Accountancy are lying vacant in Navyug Schools under the New Delhi Municipal Council;

(b) if so, the details of schools where such posts are lying vacant;

(c) the reasons for not filling up the posts of teachers in above subjects; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) The New Delhi Municipal Council has informed that out of five Posts of Post Graduate Teacher (Commerce and Accountancy), Sanctioned for Navyug Schools under it, four regular teachers and one contractual teacher are working. Therefore, at present no post of teacher of Business Studies and Accountancy is lying vacant.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of 'a' above.

Special Action Force to tackle maoists

1013. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has devised an action plan to create Special Action Force to tackle Maoists in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this special force would be given better officer ratio and other added facilities to bring in a drastic qualitative change;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what is the action plan of Government to deploy this force in the Orissa and Jharkhand States to contain the above menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) 10 Commando Battalions for Resolute Action (CoBRA) have been sanctioned in the CRPF for dealing with extremists and insurgents.

(c) and (d) These battalions will have with 2½ times the number of officers as compared as compared to a normal CRPF battatlion, besides modern and specialized equipment, arms and ammunition and communication facilities commensurate to their role.

(e) It has been decided to locate these battalions in various States on need basis, including Orissa and Jharkhand, during the period 2008-2011.

Establishing National Police University

1014. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to establish National Police University;

(b) if so, the details along with the locations identified for setting up of such universities; and

(c) the time by when the university is likely to be established?